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GOVERNOR STEPHENS MANSION BOMBED

CALIFORNIA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE SLEEPS IN UPPER STORY WHEN ENEMY ALIENS DYNAMITE BUILING

POLICE BLAME ALIEN SYMPATHIZERS

(By UNITED PRESS)
Sacramento, Dec. 18.—An attempt was made to dynamite the governors mansion when a charge of explosive was set off in the brick work of one corner of the rear porch which was blown off and other damage done. The building was not wrecked. Governor Stephens, his wife and servants were asleep on the upper floor, but nobody was injured. Pro-German agents, or sympathizers, are blamed by the police for the outrage.

COSSACKS TAKE ROSTOFF CITY

(By United Press)
Petrograd, Dec. 18.—Cossacks reoccupy Rostoff and disarmed the Bolshevik red guards. This city is the most important commercial centre in southeastern Russia. It was within this territory that the Don Cossacks, the first of the cossack tribes, revolted against the Bolsheviks.

BRITISH DEFEAT TURKISH ARMY

(By United Press.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—Official dispatches announce that British troops operating in Palestine are threatening Ludd, the Turkish strategic position between Jaffa and Jerusalem. "We have advanced one and a half miles, over a mile front, our left centre being north east of Ludd" is the cable received from General Allenby in a brief report. The British forces decisively defeated the remnants of eight Turkish armies under the command of General Falkenhayn, of the German general staff. They have further foiled the attempt of the Turks to reassemble, and have scattered the badly demoralized Palestine army.

OLD HALE FARM SALE SHORTLY

Yesterday the Atlantic Coast Realty Company, Sam A. Dunn and Clee Vaughan closed a contract to sell the Old Hale Farm, situated on the Scotland Neck and Weldon road, half way between Halifax and Enfield. This property is very well known here and should elicit no little attention from seekers after small farm property. The sale, it is understood, will take place sometime within the next thirty days, and full information will be given in The Commonwealth several days before the time set for the sale.

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—The anxiety that many have shared over the prospect of a scarcity of wheat for the roller mills of this state to manufacture into flour has been relieved.

Owing to the exaggerated reports of the amount of wheat grown in North Carolina this year there was a disposition not to allow wheat from other states to be shipped here, in which case we would have run short.

But state food administrator, Henry Page, went to Washington to see Mr. Hoover about it. He has returned and says the North Carolina roller mills will be supplied with wheat from outside, and an order to that effect goes out this week from the National Food Administration, and, as the price of wheat is \$1.10 a bushel, there will be no exportation practised.

There is another important development affecting cotton seed oil mills, and the price of cotton seed and cotton seed meal. Some dealers have been charging more than the limit fixed for seed. Mr. Page's office is sending out warnings to those concerned that any future infringements along this line will get them into serious trouble.

Raleigh has been practically without sugar for several weeks and Eastern North Carolina is reported to be in the same condition, and other sections are but little better off. Even the Cafe's here serve "coffee without sugar only". The Cuban crop of sugar has been largely purchased, but it will not be available in this country for a week or two yet. Large shipments of the home made sugar to France and other countries, of the entente allies, is the cause of the shortage.

Wood is fetching eight to ten dollars a cord here, with five inches of snow on the ground for a week past, and hard to get at that price. Only very limited quantities of coal reach the market at all, which is not to be bought on the open market at any price.

BIG CONTRACTS FOR CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Government contracts for building vessels to cost from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 are under negotiation by the Ketter-Elliott Erection Co. If the orders for building these are secured by this company the shipyards will be located at Pensacola, Fla. Paul P. Stewart, representing the company and conducting negotiations at Washington, states that later he will furnish particulars for publication.

MUSEUM GETS ART TREASURE

(By United Press.)
New York, Dec. 18.—The Metropolitan Museum of Art has been given four million dollars worth of paintings and other rare objects of art by J. Pierpoint Morgan, as a memorial to his father. The famous collection was gathered from all parts of the world by the late J. Pierpoint Morgan, Sr.

GERMAN RAIDS ARE REPULSED

Paris, DEC. 18.—Active artillery along the Rhone and Rhine canal is reported in an official statement. The only other activity is the repulse of the Germans in raids south of Givencourt.

RUSS. LEADERS UNDER ARREST

(By UNITED PRESS)
Petrograd, Dec. 18.—Former manager, Peppine, of the general treasury, Skvordsoff, Chathlabanoff and Balabanoff, executives of the finance ministers, were arrested at a meeting of the upper class, according to an official news agency.

FLAX GROWING A VALUABLE CROP

THE WARM SOUTHERN CLIMATE IS MOST SUITABLE FOR FLAX RAISING WITH THE MARKET INDUSTRY.

SAID TO BE CONTINUOUS CASH CROP

(By UNITED PRESS)
Hartford, Conn., Dec. 17.—No country in the world is to be compared to the South for flax growing. "It has all the advantages that other countries have and many more, chief among which is the fact that in the South it may be made a continuous crop, three crops a year, while but one crop a year is made elsewhere. "There is a most urgent need that the South should grow flax now, for other sources of supply are short or have failed entirely. It is impossible to get flax from Russia, the world's most abundant source of supply under ordinary conditions. England has taken over the yield of Ireland, and Germany has possession of Belgium's fields of flax. The flax of Canada and the United States is insufficient for our needs, and a serious shortage confronts us. "Our war uses for linen, for which cotton cannot well be substituted, include airplanes, waterproof tarpaulin, maxim belts, army belts, army clothing, web equipment, army boots, leather equipment, bandeliers, breech covers, hussifs, army tents and marquees, harness and saddlery, water-bottle covers, projectile

slings, bomb slings, nose bags, haversacks, haldalls, surgical supplies, intrenching-tool covers and many other articles, such as ponchos, canteen covers, cartridge belts and the like. Flax, both for fiber and seed, can be made a very profitable crop in the south, as I know from my own experience.

"There are in the South untold millions of acres of idle lands waiting to be utilized.

"In the matter of cultivation, land can be plowed and harrowed with tractors and must be made as smooth as possible, so that the flax will grow an even length, and when harvested it can be cut closer with the reaper and thus secure longer straw. Reap and bind with machinery and take the whole, straw, seed and all, direct to a retting mill, where the grower will be paid cash for his seed and straw. No extra hand labor is needed. If for any reason pulled straw is needed, plenty of young colored help, male and female, are ready to pull it. Seed will always be wanted and will pay for all expenses of raising, and the fiber will be very profitable to the farmer as a cash crop the year round."

MINERS ASKED FOREGO HOLIDAY

Washington, Dec. 18.—The coal miners throughout the country have been asked not to take Christmas six days rest on account of the fuel shortage. Administrator Garfield has urged the miners and operators to co-operate in patriotic effort to make the holiday season output the largest possible.

VAUGHAN FARM SALE TOMORROW

Notwithstanding the snow and other inconveniences the old Vaughan place will be sold at auction on the property at half past ten o'clock tomorrow morning without fail.

So strong is the opinion that the property will be greatly sought after, the location of the farms being good, and the production from the land in the past so fine, that the owners determined not to delay the sale on account of weather conditions.

The brass band will be in attendance, and a good lunch served to all who attend, and there will also be valuable prizes given on the grounds.

WEATHER
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* Cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. Fresh to strong N. E. winds on coast.
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MAXIMILIST REGIME NEARS ITS DEFEAT

LARGE PART OF RUSSIA DISAVOWS CONNECTION WITH REVOLUTIONARY PARTY AND DEMANDS ITS DISSOLUTION

KERENSKY, DELEGATE TO ASSEMBLY

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Stockholm, Dec. 18.—The Maximilist regime is slowly, but inevitably retiring to a fall, according to information received from travellers, as well as anti-Bolshevik news which has been smuggled through via Hapatandia, which also indicates that the Petrograd garrison no longer supports the Lenine-Trotsky ring.

Twenty-six Russian provinces and territories refused to recognize the Bolshevik government. Terrorism reigns in Petrograd. The date set for the opening of the constitutional assembly was the occasion for monster demonstrations in Petrograd, with mass meetings denouncing the Bolshevik frequently taking place in the city.

Kerensky was chosen as delegate to the assembly, representing the entire southwestern army. The workman and soldiers had a meeting last week when Bertelli, representing the labor leaders, warned the Bolsheviks they must dissolve the assembly. The Bolsheviks are still trying to coax to their camp the old revolution leaders.

DR. J. R. SCROGGS DIES SUDDENLY

Shelby, Dec. 18.—Rev. J. R. Scroggs died suddenly at his home at Marion this morning, where he held a pastorate. Dr. Scroggs was nearing 70 years and had been prominent in Methodism for 50 years. The body will be brought to Shelby and the funeral will take place from Central Methodist church here Wednesday at 10:30.

Dr. Scroggs had the honor of making the motion which established Trinity Park school, and has been a trustee of Trinity college presiding elder of the Shelby Greensboro, Salisbury and Statesville districts and held pastorates at Statesville, Shelby, Winston-Salem and other places. He was secretary of bishop's cabinet and member of the general conference two or three times.

GUN EXPERTS TO TESTIFY

Washington, Dec. 18.—I. N. Lewis inventor of the Lewis machine gun will attend an executive session summoned by Medil McCormack, at which Henry Gatling, son of the late R. R. Gatling, inventor of the gatling gun. These men, with others not named, will meet with the investigation committee of the naval affairs committee which will convene tomorrow to inquire into the equipment of naval forces, and other matters of supreme importance in preparation for America's participation in the war during the coming year.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	30.18	30.18	30.02	30.02
Jan.	29.37	29.42	29.33	29.33
Mar.	28.91	29.04	28.91	28.98
May	28.71	28.81	28.71	28.73
July	28.43	28.52	28.43	28.44
Local Market	27 3/4			

COTTONSEED MARKET.
\$1.05 per bushel in wagon loads.

PROHIBITION PASSES OUT

Washington, Dec. 18.—Forty-seven senators approve the house prohibition amendment in a rising vote, while eight voted negatively.

Three fourths of the state legislatures must now ratify the measure before it becomes law.

The fight now hinges in Ohio, Missouri, Massachusetts and Kentucky, but the dry leaders state there will be little difficulty in obtaining the nine additional dry states.

Washington, Dec. 18.—With Yates Webb, of North Carolina, leading the fight on the floor of the house and all but two members from the state supporting him, and William J. Bryan, of Asheville, an interested spectator in the press gallery, the house late this afternoon passed the Webb nation-wide prohibition bill which allows the several states to ratify the amendment, by a vote of 282 to 128. Representatives Small and Pou voted against the measure because they did not believe it was the proper way to settle the question at issue.

Thirty-six states must now ratify the amendment. But 27 states have already voted prohibition, so there seems little doubt that the remaining nine states will take the action which the prohibitionists have fought so long and obbied so hard to attain. Two hundred and eighty-two members voted for the amendment, eight more than the required two-thirds majority, while 120 voted against the measure.